

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for FAC Center for Community Development—Supporting Service Delivery to Low Income New Yorkers in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC), located at 621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217. The funding would be used to renovate and expand the capacity of a longstanding community center offering services to thousands of low-income New Yorkers on an annual basis.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it rehabilitates and expands capacity of a well-established multipurpose community center that houses an array of services for low income residents, including workforce training, housing counseling, and comprehensive community development. Renovations will improve access to adult education, workforce bridge programming and digital literacy classes, modernize the building's elevator to ensure ongoing ADA compliance, and help improve energy efficiency. FAC has provided critical services to Brooklyn communities for nearly 45 years and this project has robust community support, including numerous stakeholders and elected officials.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Department of Housing and Urban Development – CDBG Economic Development Initiative (EDI) 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4) related to the rehabilitation of buildings and improvements and 5305(a)(5) removal of barriers which restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly and handicapped persons.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Goldman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dan Goldman
Member of Congress